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For: COMPOUNDS THAT ASSOCIATE ON THE INTERMOLECULAR LEVEL AND
AGGREGATE BODIES THAT CONTAIN THEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above application and calculation of claim fees, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Attached hereto, is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment.

In the Specification:

On page 1, on a line below the Title of the Invention, please insert the following:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a U.S. national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/06139 (published under PCT Article 21(2) in German), filed on June 30, 2000, which claims priority to German Patent Application 199 30 177.8, filed June 30, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A compound of the general formula (I)

X(B)_m (I)

wherein

X is an m-valent unit and